

Time for Mother-in-Law to Give Her Advice Is Before Marriage; After That, Silence!

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Her Failure to Do So Responsible for Most "Mother-in-Law" Cases in Domestic Relations Court, Declares Rose McQuade, Probation Officer.

First Year of Married Life Is "Fight for Supremacy," and Happiest Man in Home Is "Good Natured Slob" Who Allows His Wife to Be the Boss.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.

The mother-in-law to the bride. Which mother-in-law? The wife's mother, according to Miss Rose McQuade, complainant in the case, who is also probation officer of the Domestic Relations Court.

What is the charge? "She gives her daughter too much advice after marriage and not advice before it. She points out the husband's faults, which don't concern her, when she should have discovered the weaknesses of the son-in-law. She sows suspicion of the husband in the wife's mind and influences her to be petulant and independent."

There are many other counts in Miss McQuade's indictment of the mother-in-law. But summing them all up we reach this conclusion, that the wife's mother should say all she has to say before the ceremony, or, saying nothing, forever after hold her peace.

I found Miss McQuade yesterday in the little clinic for broken hearts which she conducts just outside the Domestic Relations Court. Two rows of dejected, miserable wives lined the bare room, with here and there a wide-eyed child vainly pleased with the little journey of exploration she and mother had undertaken that morning.

"BLAMES WIFE'S MOTHER IN NINE CASES OUT OF TEN." "Mother, I thought you said we were going to church!" said one little fellow looking about him with obvious discontent.

"Hush, Bobbie, the church is next door. We are going as soon as they call our names out," the mother answered.

As Miss McQuade discoursed interestingly of mothers-in-law I wondered what the little boy would think when he saw inside the "church," and whether he would come to understand the dreary tragedy in which he was the most helpless and the most injured figure.

"It's the wife's mother that's to blame in ninety per cent. of the mother-in-law cases," Miss McQuade declared. "and generally the poor thing doesn't know it."

"She's only trying to do the best she can for her child. She sympathizes with her too much, takes her in too readily when she has left her husband to go home to mother." The very mother-love that makes her so attractive as a mother-in-law, unless she knows enough not to take sides in the little spots that are bound to happen between young husbands and wives.

"You know the first year of married life is a battle for supremacy," Miss McQuade continued. "That is the year which determines which of the two is to reign, husband or wife. The stronger minded always wins, and I must say that from my own observation the happiest homes are those in which the wife reigns. I mean that the husband who has the best time in his home is the one his friends call a good natured slob." For if a man gives in to a woman in little things there's nothing she wouldn't do for him. I don't say this as it should be. It's the way things are."



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TROUBLE MAKING IS BEGUN IN GIRL'S SCHOOL DAYS. "And how does the wife's mother complicate the situation?" I inquired. "To answer that properly we'll have to take the girl way back to her school days," replied the probation officer. "The poor mother in New York doesn't teach her daughter how to cook and sew and keep house."

"As soon as she quits school the mother finds a job for her. I don't say she can help it. The family needs the money in most cases. But the girl works in a factory. Some night she goes to a ball, meets a man, any man who pays her attention, and decides that she wants to marry him. In a day or a week or a month the couple go down to the City Hall and are married. The first thing the girl's mother knows about it is when she meets her new son-in-law, possibly a man she has never laid eyes on before."

"Now, a mother should know the young man who is her daughter's associate. She should tell the girl before marriage the things that

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to pay all the household and clothing expenses out of \$1 a week. The husband accused her of squandering his money. The wife had been told by her mother that the man spent too much time away from home and that he was running around with another woman. WENT HOME TO MOTHER, WHO UPHOLD HER.

"The wife went home to mother, who promptly advised her to have the husband brought here for non-support. Mother and daughter came into this room together. As soon as the young man saw the mother he exclaimed, 'There's the beginning of all my troubles!' Well, I explained to him how difficult it is to keep house on \$1 a week. I told the wife how ridiculous it was to imagine that a man who kept \$1 a week for himself was running around with another woman. I told her that wives are mistresses of their own time all day, and can see their friends and be sociable, but that a man is tied to a job and has to have some diversion in the evening, has to see his men friends, and that every husband is better and enjoys the society of his wife and baby much more for an occasional 'silly party'."

"Of course there are cases where the husband's mother interferes. We had a case the other day where the husband sent to Pennsylvania for his mother to come on and teach his young wife how to keep house. 'She didn't teach me; she tantalized me,' the wife complained. 'She was always trying to show her son how smart she was and how incompetent I was. And he got so he used to gloat over my ignorance and

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"Then we had a theatrical carpenter and his wife. The man worked at night and his wife used to spend the night at her mother's. Often when the husband came home in the morning he would find neither breakfast nor wife. And the girl's mother thought it was all right for her daughter to spend so much time away from her own home. CAN'T EXPECT PRIZE WHEN SHE GRASS FIRST PACKAGE."

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